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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4424

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TAGS: CDES, SZ (YATES, KATHERINE)  
SUBJ: DEATH - KATHERINE YATES

FOR: MRS TILLIE GARDNER  
20624 KNOBWOODS DRIVE  
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48076

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE  
DEATH OF YOUR SISTER, MRS KATHERINE YATES.

INSEL HOSPITAL, BERN INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT  
BERN ON 28 MAY 1977 OF HER DEATH BY HEART FAILURE ON  
28 MAY 1977 IN HE INSEL HOSPITAL, BERN.

2. YOUR SISTER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY US PASSPORT  
H832132 ISSUED 29 MARCH 1977 IN WASHINGTON, DC.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HER PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL  
WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE  
URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT  
ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH.  
WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH  
TO HAVE YOUR SISTER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.  
IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO SOUTHFIELD,  
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MICHIGAN, WOULD COST \$3,400. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT REMAINS  
TO THE US WOULD COST \$770. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST  
IS \$1,000. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$900.  
ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING  
ACTIONS:

A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY  
BERN SWITZERLAND AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN  
YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED  
AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF US FUNERAL HOME  
YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED UNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH  
AMERICAN EXPRESS NEW YORK TO THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND,  
BERN PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR THE CASE, KATHERINE YATES.

C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE  
US, YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT  
MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS  
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.  
WE ESTIMATE APPROX 3 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING  
RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE  
TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN  
SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED  
TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION  
OF THIS POST BY PHONING (031) 43 00 11 94 (031) 43 00 19 IN BERN,  
SWITZERLAND.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEPPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
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BERN SWITZERLAND  
INTERESTED PARTY.

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